

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

2003 ICC FAMILY OF CODES

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CODE: IBC

SECTION NO. 3105

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. C-1

PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Constr

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DATES: OF PROPOSAL: 4/18/05

BCAC PRESENTATION: 4/20/05

BCAC APPROVAL:

CHECK ONE



Revise section to read as follows:



Delete section and substitute the following:



Add new section to read as follows:



Delete section without substitution.

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under *Format*, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

(See following pages)

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

☐ Increase

☐ Decrease

☒ Negligible

☐ Unknown

If "Increase" box was checked, indicate estimated range of added cost:

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling to

Per 1,000SF of commercial building to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

This amendment, continues provisions of existing 2003 12 DCMR and has evolved over time in response to our unique urban environment. Some provisions may be based on existing regulatory statutes.

Policy 4.a. Inappropriate provision due to local conditions (climate, physical, urban planning or economic).

Policy 4.d. Provision that is inconsistent or conflicting with District statute, regulation or policy.

SECTION 3105A AWNINGS AND CANOPIES

Delete Section 3105.1 in its entirety and substitute the following:

3105.1.General. Awnings or canopies shall comply with the requirements of this Section, other applicable Sections of this code, the DC Zoning Regulations, the DC Public Space Manual and other applicable requirements.

3105.1.1 Permit. A permit shall be obtained from the Code Official for the erection, repair, or replacement of any fixed awning, canopy, or hood and for any retractable awning located at the first story level and extending over the public street or over any portion of a court or yard beside a building serving as a passage from a required exit or exit discharge to a public street.

Exemption. A permit shall not be required for the erection, repair or replacement of fixed or retractable awnings projecting 40 inches (1016 mm) or less installed on buildings under the jurisdiction of the IRC, or for retractable awnings installed above the first story or where the awning does not project over the public street or over any court or yard serving as a passage from a required exit to a public street.

Delete Sections 3105.3 through 3105.4 in their entirety and substitute the following:

3105.3 Design and construction. Awnings and canopies shall be designed and constructed to withstand wind or other lateral loads and live loads as required by Chapter 16 with due allowance for shape, open construction and similar features that relieve the pressures or loads. Structural members shall be protected to prevent deterioration. Awnings shall have frames of noncombustible material and shall be either fixed or retractable. Canopies shall have rigid frames of noncombustible material. Coverings shall be flame resistant in accordance with NFPA 701 or shall have a flame spread rating not greater than 25 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84.

3105.4 Fixed or permanent awnings. The minimum clearance from the sidewalk or any other space used by the public to the lowest part of any fixed or permanent awning shall be 8 feet (2438 mm). Fixed or permanent awnings installed above the first story shall not project more than 5 feet (1524 mm).

Exception. Above doors in buildings under the jurisdiction of the IRC, the minimum clearance from the sidewalk or any other space used by the public to the lowest part of the awning shall be 6 feet 8 inches (2032 mm).

3105.5 Retractable awnings. The minimum clearance from the sidewalk or any other space used by the public to the lowest part of any retractable awning shall be 8 feet (2438 mm). Retractable awnings shall be securely fastened to the building and shall not extend closer than 12 inches (305 mm) from the curb line. They shall be equipped with a mechanism or device for raising and holding the awning in a retracted or closed position against the face of the building. **Exception.** Above doors in buildings under the jurisdiction of the IRC, the minimum clearance from the sidewalk or any other space used by the public to the lowest part of the awning shall be 6 feet 8 inches (2032 mm).

3105.6 Canopies. Canopies shall be attached to the building at the inner end and supported at

the outer end by not more than two stanchions with braces anchored in an approved manner and shall not extend closer than 2 feet (610 mm) from the curb line. The minimum clearance from the sidewalk or any other space used by the public to the lowest part of any canopy shall be 8 feet (2438 mm). The width of canopies shall not exceed 8 feet (2438 mm).

3105.7 Lettering on awnings or canopies. Lettering on awnings or canopies shall comply with Section 3107.